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AMEMBASSY VICTORIA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 3526

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, KE, US

SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE ON P-3 FLIGHTS TO KENYA AND  
SEYCHELLES

REF: (A) STATE 58641 DTG 162115Z MAR 77 (NOTAL),

(B) JCS 111240Z FEB 77

1. WE HAVE JUST SEEN REF B, WHICH WAS REPEATED TO US FOR  
INFO. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 4 OF REF B  
PRESENTS POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR US IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH KENYA AND SEYCHELLES. REQUEST MODIFICATION FOR KENYA  
FLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF FLIGHTS SHOULD BE MADE.

B. WE DO NOT EXPECT QUERIES FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF AIR-  
CRAFT SINCE AIRFIELD TO BE USED IN NAIROBI IS KENYA AIR FORCE  
FACILITY NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC. HOWEVER, IF ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT  
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BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE (WHICH MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR IF  
MOMBASA CIVIL AIRPORT USED), IT MAY BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A  
PARTICULAR P-3 "ROUTINE TRANSIT FLIGHT" HAS TAKEN PLACE.

C. IF QUERIED ABOUT DETAILS OF FLIGHTS, SUCH AS FRE-  
QUENCY, DESTINATION AND PURPOSE, IT MAY BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT  
P-3 IS A NAVY MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT. ALL FURTHER

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE RESPONDED TO WITH STATEMENT THAT WE DO NOT DISCUSS OPERATIONAL DETAILS. IF ASKED, IT MAY BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR THIS PARTICULAR FLIGHT, BUT NO FURTHER COMMENT SHOULD BE MADE ABOUT FUTURE FLIGHTS OR GENERAL QUESTION OF KENYAN PERMISSION FOR FLIGHTS. REFERENCE TO PERIODIC FLIGHTS SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY AVOIDED.

D. ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED. IN PARTICULAR, DIEGO GARCIA SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED. IF NECESSARY, IT MAY BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AIRCRAFT IS SUBORDINATE TO U.S. NAVY PACIFIC FLEET.

2. SUBJECT TO ANY COMMENTS THAT AMEMBASSY VICTORIA MAY OFFER, GUIDANCE IN PARA 1 ABOVE SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO SEYCHELLES FLIGHTS.

3. IF DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE CONCUR IN FOREGOING, REQUEST APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED TO MILITARY ACTIVITIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT MISSION COMMANDER. REQUEST ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES REFRAIN FROM "BACKGROUNDING" PRESS ON P-3 ACTIVITIES IN KENYA AND SEYCHELLES.

4. WE BELIEVE RATHER STRICT GUIDANCE PROPOSED ABOVE IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT PRESS COVERAGE OF POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT TO NON-ALIGNED KENYA AND SEYCHELLES, WHICH COULD RESULT IN APPROVAL FOR FLIGHTS BEING WITHDRAWN.  
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